Ja 200 — The Story about Good Precepts

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Sarīradabyaṁ vuḍḍhabyaṁ, sojaccaṁ sādhusīliyaṁ,

Brāhmaṇaṁ teva pucchāma: kannu tesaṁ vanimhase ti?

Verse 1 — English

One is handsome, one is elder, one of good birth, one virtuous, we ask the brahmin about this: which one of these suitors is good?

Source note 1.1 (English)

I am unsure about this translation, the word seems to be vani + amhase, with vani normally meaning a beggar, perhaps here a suitor, having a positive sense.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Attho atthi sarīrasmiṁ, vuḍḍhabyassa namo kare,

Attho atthi sujātasmiṁ, sīlaṁ asmāka’ ruccatī ti.

Verse 2 — English

There is good in the body, we must pay respects to an elder, there is good in being well born, but in virtue is our delight.